

MANUFACTURERS DINNER & EXPO

March 18 | Cliffbreakers | 4:00 p.m. Expo | 6:00 p.m. Dinner/Program

COMING TOGETHER IS A
BEGINNING.
KEEPING TOGETHER IS
PROGRESS.
WORKING TOGETHER IS
SUCCESS.

- HENRY FORD

MANUFACTURERS APPRECIATION DINNER & EXPO

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Cliffbreakers Riverside Resort
700 West Riverside Blvd.
Rockford, Illinois

Technology Expo and Reception 4 - 6 p.m.

The region's leading manufacturing companies and related businesses will showcase their products and capabilities. Visit the expo and learn about the latest advances in manufacturing being pioneered in the Rockford region.

Dinner, Awards and Keynote Speech 6 p.m.

Following Dr. Squyers' keynote address, the Chamber will recognize the **Manufacturer of the Year** and the **Manzullo Individual Business Catalyst**. Nomination forms are available at rockfordchamber.com. Nominations must be received by March 5.

Consider Sponsoring a Student

Please consider sponsoring a high school student's attendance at the dinner, or "leave a space open" at your corporate table for a student.

Featured Speaker

Dr. Steven Squyers

*Scientific Principal Investigator, Mars Exploration Rovers
Goldwin Smith Professor of Astronomy, Cornell University*



Please join the Rockford Chamber in celebrating the entrepreneurial spirit and innovation of local manufacturers at the annual Manufacturers Appreciation Dinner and Expo. The dinner will feature Dr. Steven Squyers - the acclaimed principal investigator on the Mars Exploration Rover Project.

Dr. Squyers is best-known as the face and voice of NASA's mission to Mars and the pioneering drive across its surface by two high-tech robotic rovers named "Spirit" and "Opportunity". During his remarks, Dr. Squyers will discuss how to best adapt to and plan for new technology, introduce new products into the market and the importance of innovation.

He has written the book *Roving Mars: Spirit, Opportunity, and the Exploration of the Red Planet* about his experiences. He has served as Chair of the NASA Space Science Advisory Committee, and as a member of the NASA Advisory Council. **Don't miss what is sure to be an informative and inspiring experience. Register today!**

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